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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Kikuji YAMASHITA et al.

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Examiner: J.C. Witz

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For: ORGANISM-COMPATIBLE MATERIALS WITH COMBINED EXTRA-CELLULAR
MATRICES, EXTRACELLULAR-MATRIX PREPARATIONS, AND PRODUCTION
METHODS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 4, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2003. A petition for a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application as directed below and consider the remarks that follow.